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For the Roundabout. The Tale of a Cat.

Let others sing of loftier themes,
Of purling brooks and winding streams,
And with poetic fire awake
High sounding strains on moor and brake.

But I to sorrow's sad refrain
Would sweep my lute this once again,
And with a tender touch impart
My own sad throbs to every heart.

'Tis of a purring puss I'd sing,
No mewling, prowling, thieving thing,
But gentle, loving, calm, serene,
A lovelier puss none e'er had seen.

But all her virtues could not save
The stern decree of tyrant fate,
Her virtues could not turn aside
The fateful blow of death's dark tide.

While walking out one gloomy night
As was her custom, in good plight,
Some heartless dogs, a thieving pack,
Going their rounds, fell on her track,

And e'er she had time to explain
They pounced on her with might and main,
And bit and chewed and chewed and bit
Until she'd got the worst of it.

And e'er the morning dawned again
She lay upon the cold ground, slain.
She fit them long and fit them well,
And vowed her life she'd dearly sell.

But claws and teeth could naught avail
Against such odds. Her last sad wail
She breathed out on the passing gale;
And all who heard it must agree
It was a sad cat-as-trophe.

Picnics will soon be all the rage.

Kill the howling South Side dogs.

The streets and alleys need cleaning.

There is great danger in bathing in the
river at this season. Sore eyes result
from it.

Charity Lodge, No. 3, U. B. O. F., will
celebrate its seventeenth anniversary in
this city next Thursday.

The drowning Tuesday is another warning
to mothers who allow their children to
play about the river.

There is some prospect of having some
fine excursions up the river this summer.
The "S. V. Pence" will do the work.

An excursion train will be run from this
city to Indianapolis, Ind., July 3d. Fare
for round trip, \$4 25; to Louisville and re-
turn, \$1 75.

South Frankfort is a lovely place and
quite a favorite resort for evening walks.
But it is a pity that it should be infested
with howling, snarling, snapping curs that
scream and yelp at every passer-by.

The temperance people of Kentucky will
hold a State Mass Convention at Park
Hill Camp Ground, commencing July 13th
and continuing several days. Park Hill is a
lovely place, situated on the Licking river,
at the crossing of the Lexington and Mays
ville railroad. It is expected to be the
largest temperance gathering ever assembled
in the State. The most prominent speakers
in the United States will be present.

Playing Boss.

We were sitting in our office the other
morning, thinking how nice it was to be
boss—that was before we needed copy—and
wondering how long before the editor's
weekly offerings would put in an appearance,
when there came a gentle tapping at our
office door. Upon investigation it
proved to be a small boy with a note for
the editor. It read thus:

"Mr edetur plse Put it in yor nex papur
Thet miss Alviry gones Tomkens Wec to our
hous thiss Weak N O R."

We thanked the s. b., and told him we
would gladly make the announcement.

We turned to our morning paper and were
trying to solve the Chicago problem, when
we heard the rustling of female garments
upon the steps. We hastily smoothed our
"knotted and combined locks" (cat-fashion,
when she washes her face), posed ourself
in a graceful writing attitude, and begun
making phonetic characters at a rapid rate.
"Are the gentlemen in?" she said, as she
stood in the doorway, sweetly smiling
and the fairest being that e'er our eyes
had beheld—so we thought at the moment.
We assured her that they were, and bade her
enter and be seated. But she remained
standing, and said, "where are they?" In
a very crest-fallen manner we explained that
the proprietors were absent this week, and
we were in charge and could attend to any
business she might have with the office.
"Jim," she said, turning to a diminutive
colored boy, standing in the background
with a huge waiter upon his head, "take
that ice cream and cake over and give it to
Johnston Todd, with my compliments, and
give that largest bouquet to Logan McKee,
with my regards," and she left our presence
without another word. Then it was, as we
sadly watched that large waiter of edibles
and flowers going across the street to two
good-looking young men, that we thought
her positively ugly.

We picked up our paper once more,
wondering what it was in our appearance
that denoted that we were not a gentleman,
and not fond of ice cream and flowers. We
tried to drown our sorrow by reading an
account of a little boy who had died from
eating too much ice cream and cake at a
birthday dinner, and had about succeeded,
when a stout colored woman, with a large
basket on her arm, the top of which was
covered over with a snow-white cloth, en-
tered and asked, "is de boss in?" We
thought we would play it sharp, and replied,
no, but he would be in directly; that she
could leave anything she might have for him
and we would deliver it as soon as he came.
She said, "I'll jes wait; I's come arter
dat little bill he owes me fur washin'," and
she seated herself in a way that meant
she had come after that "little bill," and
was going to wait for it. We paid it, and
went down and locked the door, concluding
that if we were cut out for an editor we
were spoiled in the cutting, and 'twas no use
trying to make things fit us.

A den of young minks was raided and
destroyed by some boys at Herndoo's
wharf yesterday.

Messrs. J. W. Payne and Chap. Todd
have occupied their new residences, South
Side, this week.

Mr. B. F. Meek is repainting and other-
wise improving the appearance of his
jewelry store, on Main street.

Fast riding on the streets of the city is a
violation of the law. The law applies as
much to one person as to another.

What do our city dads think of having
the crossing over Main street, in front of
the post-office, raised? It needs it badly.

McClure & Bro. kindly furnish a seat
under their awning for country girls to sit
while they eat their lunch of ginger bread
and peanuts.

Nevermore do "we boys" want to take
the place of the bosses. Here we have
been editing this paper a whole week, and
not a theatre, not a circus, not a concert,
not a festival not a free ticket to anything.
No one has sent us a free drink, a free
cigar, or a vegetable curiosity of any kind.
When we edit this paper again we want
a week when there will be plenty of theatres,
circuses, etc. We don't want any free
drinks or cigars, but if any pretty young
lady wants to send us a bouquet, it will be
gladly received.

Sunday-School Reports.

Report of the Christian Sunday-school:
Number of officers, teachers, and pu-
pils enrolled May 1st..... 201
Highest attendance during month... 173
Lowest attendance during month... 152
Average attendance during month... 166
Teachers absent during month... 4
Average collection during month... \$3 15
New scholars received during month... 17
Visitors during month... 48
Teachers' Meeting every Friday evening.
Hour of holding Sunday School, 9 1/2 A. M.
Visitors to the school always welcome.
LEE A. OWEN, Sec'y.

Report of the Episcopal Sunday-school:
Number of officers, teachers, and pu-
pils enrolled May 1st..... 181
Highest attendance during month.... 121
Lowest attendance during month.... 96
Average attendance during month.... 115
Teachers absent during month..... 7
Average collection during month..... \$2 35
New scholars received during month... 30
Visitors during month..... 10
Hour of holding Sunday-school, 9 1/2 A. M.
Visitors cordially received.
JOHN N. HUTCHISON, Sec'y.

Report of the Methodist Sunday-school:
Number of officers, teachers, and pu-
pils enrolled May 1st... 120
Highest attendance during month... 104
Lowest attendance during month... 80
Average attendance during month... 96
Teachers absent during month... 6
Average collection during month... \$0 90
New scholars received during month... 6
Visitors during month... 37
Hour of holding Sunday School, 2 P. M.
Visitors always welcome.
WESLEY WRIGHT, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate
of John R. Graham are hereby notified to pre-
sent same properly proven for payment; and all
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and settle to avoid litigation.

M. E. GRAHAM, Administrator.
JUNE 1st, 1880. 1m

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